



Daphne Utilities

APPROVED MINUTES

Utilities Board Meeting

City of Daphne Council Chambers ♦ August 25, 2010 ♦ 5:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The August 25, 2010 regular Board meeting for the Utilities Board of the City of Daphne was held and called to order by Chairman Robert Segalla, at 5:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Robert Segalla, Chairman
Ron Scott, Vice Chairman
Lon Johnston, Secretary/Treasurer

Others Absent: Fred Small, Mayor
Fenton E. Jenkins

Others Present: Jerry Speegle - Board Attorney
Rob McElroy - General Manager
Teresa Logiotatos - Finance Manager
Deloris Brown - Human Resources Manager
Drew Klumpp - Administrative Services Manager
Lori Scharles - Executive Assistant
Melinda Immel - Volkert & Associates
Tim Patton - Volkert & Associates
Ray Moore - HMR
Doug Bailey - HMR

Others Absent: Danny Lyndall - Operations Manager

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman led the Board and meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Utilities Board Minutes from July 28, 2010:

The Chairman inquired if there were any corrections noted for the Minutes from the July 28, 2010, Utilities Board meeting. No corrections, additions and/or deletions were noted.

MOTION BY Lon Johnston to approve the Minutes for July 28, 2010; Seconded by.

Mr. Johnston interjected that since Mr. Scott was absent last week and questioned if he was able to second the Motion to approve those Minutes. Chairman Segalla then turned over the Chairman duties to Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott then called for a second to the Motion by Lon Johnston to approve the Minutes for the July 28, 2010 Utilities Board Meeting for the City of Daphne. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Segalla. Mr. Scott then restored the Chairman duties to Mr. Segalla.

AYE: JOHNSTON, SEGALLA, ABSENT: JENKINS, SMALL ABSTAIN: SCOTT MOTION CARRIED

V. Old Business

a. Central Services Building (Property Investigation) – Update

Mr. McElroy updated the Board that the annexation through the Daphne City Council was successful and discussions have been under way with Mr. Speegle regarding the possible extension of the closing procedure on the property. Mr. Speegle explained that we agreed to close after the crops had been harvested. Mr. McElroy added that the closing delay was not impacting any construction progress at this time.

b. Spanish Fort Sewer Franchise issues

Mr. McElroy had no new updates.

c. 19 Acres - Daphne Utilities property

Mr. McElroy had no new updates on this issue. Mr. Scott stated that the City Council would like to see some action on the lease progress of the property. Mr. Speegle commented that he would continue to work with Jay Ross.

d. Items in Abeyance:

- 1. Gas Franchise Agreement** – No current information was reported.
- 2. Sewer Only Cutoff Policy** – Drew Klumpp reported that one sewer was cut-off which prompted three or four customers to bring current their promissory note.

VI. New Business - no new business

VII. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Speegle had nothing further to add to his report but stated that an Executive Session is needed to discuss pending legal matters.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Teresa Logiotatos commented on the reserve account at Bryant Bank. No other comments were made.

IX. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

a. GM Report

Mr. McElroy informed the Board that ADEM requested that Daphne Utilities' representatives attend the board meeting for the ADEM Board of Commissioners for recognition of the EPA Award of Excellence that Daphne Utilities received. Deloris Brown invited the Board to the upcoming Daphne Utilities' Employee Appreciation Banquet.

b. Operations Report

Nothing further was added to the Operations Report.

Melinda Immel of Volkert & Associates updated the Board on the energy grant for the blower project.

Doug Bailey from HMR updated the Board on the Highway 64 South Sewer project.

Mr. McElroy added a final comment that Daphne Utilities is excited with the direction of Daphne Public Works and expressed positive reaction to the addition of Mr. Richard Johnson. Mr. Scott inquired as to the customer service report's online payment figures. Mr. Klumpp confirmed that 4,000 customers that have electronic payment, either by online payments, e-billing or bank draft. Chairman Segalla commented about inserting a flier into our bills regarding recycling.

X. BOARD ACTION – None

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Larry Jackson reiterated Mr. McElroy's sentiments of the new Public Works Director, Richard Johnson.

XII. BOARD COMMENTS – None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

MOTION BY to go into Executive Session at 5:23 pm for discussion of pending and ongoing litigation; Confirmed as proper purposes by Jerry Speegle; Seconded by Lon Johnston.

AYE: JOHNSTON, SCOTT, SEGALLA, **ABSENT:** JENKINS, SMALL **ABSTAIN:** MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session ended 5:27 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT-

MOTION BY Lon Johnston to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ron Scott.

AYE:, JOHNSTON, SCOTT, SEGALLA **ABSENT:** JENKINS, SMALL **ABSTAIN:** MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.